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AN ACT to amend the family court act, the social services law and the executive law, in relation to orders of protection in termination of parental rights proceedings, child protective proceedings and permanency hearings regarding children freed for adoption

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 634 of the family court act, as amended by chapter 666 of the laws of 1976, is amended to read as follows:

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634. Commitment of guardianship and custody; further orders. The court may enter an order under section six hundred thirty-one OF THIS ARTICLE committing the guardianship and custody of the child to the petitioner on such conditions, if any, as it deems proper. CAUSE SHOWN, THE COURT MAY ISSUE A TEMPORARY ORDER OF PROTECTION OR, UPON DISPOSITION, AN ORDER OF PROTECTION TO PROTECT THE CHILD AND CHILD'S FOSTER OR PRE-ADOPTIVE PARENT OR PARENTS AND OTHER DESIGNATED MEMBERS OF THE HOUSEHOLD IN WHICH THE CHILD RESIDES. DIRECT THE RESPONDENT TO OBSERVE REASONABLE CONDITIONS THAT MAY INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, THAT THE RESPONDENT STAY AWAY FROM THE CHILD AND FROM THE HOME, SCHOOL, BUSINESS OR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OF THE CHILD OR CHILD'S FOSTER OR PRE-ADOPTIVE PARENT OR PARENTS OR OTHER DESIGNATED MEMBERS OF THE HOUSEHOLD IN WHICH THE CHILD RESIDES. PRIOR TO ISSUING THE ORDER, THE COURT SHALL INQUIRE AS TO THE EXISTENCE OF ANY OTHER ORDERS OF PROTECTION INVOLVING THE PARTIES AND SHALL GIVE THE RESPONDENT NOTICE AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD. THE COURT SHALL STATE ITS REASONS ON THE RECORD FOR ISSUING THE ORDER. AN ORDER OF PROTECTION ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR A PERIOD OF UP TO FIVE YOUNGEST CHILD IN THE HOUSEHOLD IN WHICH THE CHILD RESIDES REACHES THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE, WHICHEVER IS EARLIER.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [] is old law to be omitted.

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55 56 VIOLATION OF AN ORDER ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE ADDRESSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION ONE THOUSAND SEVENTY-TWO OF THIS CHAPTER.

- S 2. Subdivision (a) of section 1029 of the family court act, as amended by chapter 41 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:
- (a) The family court, upon the application of any person who may originate a proceeding under this article, for good cause shown, may issue a temporary order of protection, before or after the filing of such petition, which may contain any of the provisions authorized on the making an order of protection under section one thousand fifty-six OF THIS ARTICLE AND MUST CONFORM TO ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THAT SECTION. PRIOR TO ISSUING A TEMPORARY ORDER OF PROTECTION UNDER THIS SECTION, THE SHALL INQUIRE AS TO THE EXISTENCE OF ANY OTHER ORDERS OF PROTECTION INVOLVING THE PARTIES. If such order is granted before the a petition and a petition is not filed under this article filing of within ten days from the granting of such order, the order vacated. In any case where a petition has been filed and an attorney for child has been appointed, such attorney may make application for a temporary order of protection pursuant to the provisions of section.
- S 3. The opening paragraph and paragraph (a) of subdivision 1, and subdivisions 2 and 4 of section 1056 of the family court act, the opening paragraph of subdivision 1 as amended by and subdivision 4 as added by chapter 622 of the laws of 1990, paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 483 of the laws of 1995, and subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 220 of the laws of 1989, are amended to read as follows:

The court may [make] ISSUE an order of protection in assistance or as a condition of any other order made under this part. [Such] ISSUING AN ORDER OF PROTECTION UNDER THIS SECTION, THE COURT SHALL INQUIRE AS TO THE EXISTENCE OF ANY OTHER ORDERS OF PROTECTION INVOLVING PARTIES. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION FOUR OF THIS SECTION, AN order of protection [shall] ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY remain in effect [concurrently with, shall expire no later than the expiration date of, and] FOR A PERIOD OF UP TO TWO YEARS OR, IF THE COURT AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES AS DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH (VII) OF SUBDIVISION (A) OF SECTION EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVEN OF THIS ACT OR $_{
m IF}$ THAT THE RESPONDENT HAS VIOLATED AN ORDER OF PROTECTION, A PERIOD OF UP TO FIVE YEARS. THE ORDER OF PROTECTION may be extended concurrently with, [such other] ANOTHER order [made] ISSUED under this ARTICLE OR ARTICLE TEN-A OF THIS ACT[, except as provided in subdivision four of this section]. The order of protection may set forth reasonable conditions of behavior to be observed for a specified time by a person is before the court and is a parent or a person legally responsible for the child's care or the spouse of the parent or other person legally responsible for the child's care, or both. Such an order may require any such person:

- (a) to stay away from the home, school, business or place of employment of the other spouse, parent or person legally responsible for the child's care, PERSON WITH WHOM THE CHILD HAS BEEN REMANDED, PLACED OR RELEASED BY THE COURT or the child, and to stay away from any other specific location designated by the court;
- 2. [The] WHERE THE court [may also] HAS DETERMINED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION ONE THOUSAND SEVENTEEN OR PART TWO OF THIS ARTICLE OR, AS APPLICABLE, SECTIONS ONE THOUSAND FIFTY-TWO AND ONE THOUSAND FIFTY-FIVE OF THIS ARTICLE, TO award custody of the child, during

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the term of the TEMPORARY order of protection OR ORDER OF PROTECTION, AS APPLICABLE, to [either] A NON-RESPONDENT parent, or to an appropriate relative [within the second degree] OR SUITABLE PERSON, THE AWARD OF CUSTODY MAY BE INCLUDED IN THE ORDER OF PROTECTION OR TEMPORARY ORDER OF PROTECTION, AS APPLICABLE. Nothing in this section gives the court power to place or board out any child or to commit a child to an institution or agency. In making orders of protection, the court shall so act as to insure that in the care, protection, discipline and guardianship of the child his OR HER religious faith shall be preserved and protected.

- 4. The court may enter an order of protection independently of any other order made under this part, against a [person] RESPONDENT who IS OR was [a member of the child's household or] a person legally responsible FOR THE CHILD'S CARE as defined in section one thousand twelve of this [chapter] ARTICLE, and who is [no longer a member of such household at the time of the disposition and who is] not [related by blood or marriage to] A PARENT OF the child [or a member of the child's household]. An order of protection entered pursuant to this subdivision may be for any period of time up to the [child's] eighteenth birthday OF THE YOUNGEST CHILD IN THE CHILD'S HOUSEHOLD and upon such conditions as [the court deems necessary and proper to protect the health and safety of the child and the child's caretaker] ARE AUTHORIZED BY SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION. THE PERSON RESTRAINED BY THE ORDER OF PROTECTION MAY, UPON A SHOWING OF A SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES, MOVE FOR MODIFICATION OR VACATUR OF THE ORDER.
- S 4. Section 1072 of the family court act, as amended by chapter 1039 of the laws of 1973 and the opening paragraph as amended by chapter 437 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as follows:
- S 1072. Failure to comply with terms and conditions of supervision OR ORDER OF PROTECTION.
- 1. If, prior to the expiration of the period of an order of supervision pursuant to section one thousand fifty-four or one thousand fifty-seven of this article, a motion or order to show cause is filed that alleges that a parent or other person legally responsible for a child's care violated the terms and conditions of an order of supervision issued under section one thousand fifty-four or one thousand fifty-seven of this article, the period of the order of supervision shall be tolled pending disposition of the motion or order to show cause. If, after hearing, the court is satisfied by competent proof that the parent or other person violated the order of supervision willfully and without just cause, the court may:
- (a) revoke the order of supervision [or of protection] and enter any order that might have been made at the time the order of supervision or of protection was made, or
- (b) commit the parent or other person who willfully and without just cause violated the order to jail for a term not to exceed six months.
- PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF THE PERIOD OF AN ORDER OF PROTECTION OR TEMPORARY ORDER OF PROTECTION ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE, ONE THOUSAND FIFTY-SIX THIRTY-FOUR, ONE THOUSAND THOUSAND EIGHTY-NINE OF THIS ARTICLE OR SUBDIVISION THIRTEEN OF SECTION HUNDRED EIGHTY-FOUR-B OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW, A MOTION OR ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE MAY BE FILED THAT ALLEGES THAT A RESPONDENT OTHER PERSON LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR A CHILD'S CARE VIOLATED THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH ORDER WILLFULLY AND WITHOUT JUST CAUSE. IF, AFTER HEARING, THE COURT IS SATISFIED BY COMPETENT PROOF THAT THE PARENT

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OR OTHER PERSON VIOLATED THE ORDER OF PROTECTION OR TEMPORARY ORDER OF PROTECTION WILLFULLY AND WITHOUT JUST CAUSE, THE COURT MAY:

- (A) REVOKE OR MODIFY THE ORDER OF PROTECTION OR TEMPORARY ORDER OF PROTECTION AND ENTER ANY ORDER THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN MADE AT THE TIME SUCH ORDER HAD BEEN ISSUED, OR
- (B) ISSUE AN ORDER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-TWO-A OR EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-SIX-A OF THIS ACT.
- S 5. Clause (D) of subparagraph (viii) of paragraph 2 of subdivision (d) of section 1089 of the family court act, as added by section 27 of part A of chapter 3 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as follows:
- (D) [The] IN THE CASE OF A CHILD WHO HAS NOT BEEN FREED FOR ADOPTION, THE court may make an order of protection in the manner specified by section one thousand fifty-six of this [act] CHAPTER in assistance or as a condition of any other order made under this section. The order protection may set forth reasonable conditions of behavior to be observed for a specified period of time by a person before the court FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE CHILD AND THE CHILD'S FOSTER OR PRE-ADOPTIVE PARENT OR PARENTS AND OTHER DESIGNATED MEMBERS OF THE HOUSEHOLD IN WHICH CHILD RESIDES. PRIOR TO ISSUING AN ORDER OF PROTECTION UNDER THIS SECTION, THE COURT SHALL INQUIRE AS TO THE EXISTENCE OF ANY OTHER ORDERS OF PROTECTION INVOLVING THE PARTIES AND THE CHILD. IN THE CASE CHILD FREED FOR ADOPTION, THE COURT, FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, MAY ISSUE AN ORDER OF PROTECTION DIRECTING A PERSON WHOSE PARENTAL RIGHTS HAD BEEN TERMINATED OR SURRENDERED TO OBSERVE REASONABLE CONDITIONS ENUMERATED THEREIN IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE CHILD AND THE CHILD'S FOSTER OR PARENT OR PARENTS AND OTHER DESIGNATED MEMBERS OF THE HOUSEHOLD IN WHICH THE CHILD RESIDES. THE CONDITIONS MAY INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, PERSON SHALL STAY AWAY FROM THE CHILD AND FROM THE HOME, SUCH SCHOOL, BUSINESS OR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OF THE CHILD OR THE FOSTER OR PRE-ADOPTIVE PARENT OR PARENTS OR OTHER DESIGNATED MEMBERS OF THE HOUSEHOLD IN WHICH THE CHILD RESIDES. THE ORDER MAY ONLY BE AFTER THE PERSON OR PERSONS RESTRAINED BY THE ORDER HAVE BEEN GIVEN NOTICE AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD. THE COURT SHALL STATE ITS REASONS ON THE RECORD FOR ISSUING THE ORDER. IN THE CASE OF A CHILD FREED FOR ADOPTION OR FOR WHOM A TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS PROCEEDING IS PENDING, THE COURT MAY ISSUE AN ORDER OF PROTECTION OR TEMPORARY OF PROTECTION, AS APPLICABLE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBDIVISION THIRTEEN OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FOUR-B OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW. A VIOLATION OF AN ORDER ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE ADDRESSED ACCORDANCE WITH SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION ONE THOUSAND SEVENTY-TWO OF THIS CHAPTER.
 - S 6. Section 384-b of the social services law is amended by adding a new subdivision 14 to read as follows:
- 14. FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, THE COURT MAY ISSUE A TEMPORARY ORDER OF PROTECTION OR, UPON DISPOSITION, AN ORDER OF PROTECTION TO PROTECT THE CHILD AND THE CHILD'S FOSTER OR PRE-ADOPTIVE PARENT OR PARENTS AND OTHER DESIGNATED MEMBERS OF THE HOUSEHOLD IN WHICH THE CHILD RESIDES. THE ORDER MAY DIRECT THE RESPONDENT TO OBSERVE REASONABLE CONDITIONS THAT MAY INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, THAT THE RESPONDENT STAY AWAY FROM THE CHILD AND FROM THE HOME, SCHOOL, BUSINESS OR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OF THE CHILD OR THE CHILD'S FOSTER OR PRE-ADOPTIVE PARENT OR PARENTS OR OTHER DESIGNATED MEMBERS OF THE HOUSEHOLD IN WHICH THE CHILD RESIDES. PRIOR TO ISSUING THE ORDER, THE COURT SHALL INQUIRE AS TO THE EXISTENCE OF ANY OTHER ORDERS OF PROTECTION INVOLVING THE PARTIES AND SHALL GIVE THE RESPONDENT NOTICE AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD. THE COURT SHALL STATE ITS REASONS ON THE RECORD FOR ISSUING THE ORDER. AN ORDER OF PROTECTION

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ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR A PERIOD OF UP TO FIVE YEARS OR UNTIL THE YOUNGEST CHILD IN THE HOUSEHOLD IN WHICH THE CHILD RESIDES REACHES THEAGE OF EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE, WHICHEVER IS A VIOLATION OF AN ORDER ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE ADDRESSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION ONE THOUSAND SEVENTY-TWO OF THE FAMILY COURT ACT.

- S 7. Subdivision 1 of section 221-a of the executive law, as separately amended by sections 14 and 67 of part A of chapter 56 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:
- 10 1. The superintendent, in consultation with the division of criminal justice services, THE office of court administration, and the office for 11 the prevention of domestic violence, shall develop a comprehensive plan 12 for the establishment and maintenance of a statewide computerized regis-13 14 try of all orders of protection issued pursuant to articles four, five, 15 [and], eight, TEN AND TEN-A of the family court act, SECTION THREE 16 HUNDRED EIGHTY-FOUR-B OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW, section 530.12 of the criminal procedure law and, insofar as they involve victims of domestic 17 18 violence as defined by section four hundred fifty-nine-a of the social 19 services law, section 530.13 of the criminal procedure law and sections 20 two hundred forty and two hundred fifty-two of the domestic relations 21 law, and orders of protection issued by courts of competent jurisdiction 22 in another state, territorial or tribal jurisdiction, special orders of 23 conditions issued pursuant to subparagraph (i) or (ii) of paragraph (o) of subdivision one of section 330.20 of the criminal procedure law inso-24 25 far as they involve a victim or victims of domestic violence as defined 26 by subdivision one of section four hundred fifty-nine-a of the 27 services law or a designated witness or witnesses to such domestic 28 violence, and all warrants issued pursuant to sections one hundred 29 fifty-three and eight hundred twenty-seven of the family court act, and arrest and bench warrants as defined in subdivisions twenty-eight, twen-30 ty-nine and thirty of section 1.20 of the criminal procedure law, 31 32 far as such warrants pertain to orders of protection or temporary orders 33 protection; provided, however, that warrants issued pursuant to 34 section one hundred fifty-three of the family court act pertaining to 35 articles three[,] AND seven [and ten] of such act and section 530.13 of the criminal procedure law shall not be included in 36 the registry. 37 superintendent shall establish and maintain such registry for the 38 purposes of ascertaining the existence of orders of protection, tempo-39 rary orders of protection, warrants and special orders of conditions, 40 and for enforcing the provisions of paragraph (b) of subdivision four of section 140.10 of the criminal procedure law. 41
- 42 S 8. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall 43 have become a law.